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## Cuyahoga Valley National Park News Release

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### Author of *Ranger Confidential* to Speak in Cuyahoga Valley


**Brecksville, Ohio** – Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park are pleased to welcome author and former National Park Service Ranger Andrea Lankford to Happy Days Lodge. Ms. Lankford's appearance is part of this season's Lyceum Lecture Series and will take place on Friday, February 1, 2013 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. General seating. Admission is \$6 adults and \$3 children ages 3 - 12.

Advanced sales are available by calling 330-657-2909. On lecture days, call the Cultural Arts Hotline at 330-650-4636 ext. 228 after 2 p.m. for up-to-date ticket availability and severe weather cancellations.

For 12 years, Andrea Lankford lived in the most impressive national parks in the world, working at a job she loved. She chaperoned baby sea turtles on their journey to the sea. She pursued bad guys on her patrol horse. She jumped into rescue helicopters bound for the heart of the Grand Canyon. She won arguments with bears. Then she walked away from it all. Described by the National Outdoor Book Awards as "Part *A Sand County Almanac*, part *Backpacker Magazine*," Lankford's book, *Ranger Confidential: Living, Working and Dying in the National Parks*, unveils her personal accounts of park rangers struggling to maintain their idealism in the face of death, disillusionment, and loss while walking the thin green line between protecting the park from the people, the people from the park, and the people from each other.

*Ranger Confidential* is Lankford's fourth book. Following books on cycling the Arizona Trail and the Grand Canyon, Lankford found a creative outlet for her peculiar, love-hate relationship with Nature's dark side through her critically acclaimed book *Haunted Hikes: Spine-Tingling Tales and Trails from North America's National Parks*. Lankford will touch on some of her stories during her lecture at CVNP.

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Happy Days Lodge, located at 500 West Streetsboro Road (State Route 303) in Peninsula 44264, 1 mile west of State Route 8, is a restored Civilian Conservation Corps structure that provides a rustic ambiance for folk and traditional concerts, theater, lectures, and special event rentals. For more information on rentals, call CVNPA at 330-657-2909 ext. 119.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit [www.nps.gov/cuva](http://www.nps.gov/cuva) or call 330-657-2752.

The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park is a nonprofit organization created to engage public support for the park and provide services to enhance public use and enjoyment of the park. For more information about the Conservancy and its membership program, visit [www.conservancyforcvnp.org](http://www.conservancyforcvnp.org) or call 330-657-2909.

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